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Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly  
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia  
C/O Renata Hesse  
Antitrust Division  
United States Department of Justice  
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Washington, DC 20530-0001

RE: US v Microsoft

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

I realize there has been discussion over many years concerning this issue. It does seem a more equitable solution could have been reached in light of antitrust laws. As it stands now, Microsoft can still bolt financial services, cable or even the internet to Windows hindering competition. The fact that Microsoft will determine what technologies will be compatible with Windows makes it very difficult for companies to develop software or for that matter find capital investors to even be interested in their companies.

As it stands now both Microsoft Windows and Office Suites enjoy a 90% user status. Expansion into other markets will expand that usage even more. At a time when computer technology should be expanding to address security and privacy issues in government and corporations, the inability to compete is certainly not making it the environment good for growth. The settlement provides many loopholes which will probably keep the issue in litigation for years.

Without competition it is very likely venture capital will be unavailable. The affect on consumers will be reflected in the high cost of software. The already sluggish job market and economy certainly does not reflect the potential in the computer software market.

It is clear that Microsoft plans to expand to financial, cable and the internet, expanding its monopoly. There is nothing in the settlement which will hinder Microsoft.

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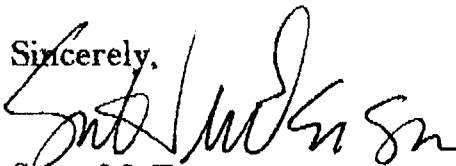
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One of the three people on the technical committee will be selected by Microsoft. The Department of Justice will choose a second member and they must agree on the third member. It is apparent that companies will be reluctant to take on a monopoly when their future business may well depend on that company. Microsoft will continue to be able to charge whatever it wants for its products, prices will skyrocket.

This issue has been discussed for many years. It seems a more equitable solution could be determined. If I may be of any assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott M. Ferson", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Scott M. Ferson  
President  
Liberty Square Group

CC: Attorney General Tom Reilly